

FOR HOBSON'S CHOICE

The Doctor is Requested to Pay
Miss Anderson \$25,000.

THE BIG BREACH OF PROMISE SUIT

Of a Beautiful St. Clairsville School
Teacher Against a Successful and
Rising Physician of Cleveland—His-
tory of the Case and the Broken
Engagement that led up to it—The
Fair Plaintiff Refuses to Talk.

St. Clairsville and Cleveland are con- siderably stirred up over the suit of Miss Lida Anderson, of St. Clairsville, against Dr. Joseph F. Hobson, of Cleve- land, for \$25,000 damages for breach of promise.

This is accounted for by the fact that the plaintiff and defendant are persons of high standing and the bride of the latter is the daughter of a millionaire brewer of Cleveland.

Miss Anderson, the plaintiff, is a fine looking young lady of not over thirty years, dark brown hair and blue eyes, slightly above medium height and weighing about 135 or 140 pounds. She is an excellent vocalist and sings soprano in the Presbyterian church at St. Clairsville. She is a teacher in room No. 3 in the public schools there, is an active church worker and her character is above reproach. Everybody in St. Clairsville likes her and she is one of the very best teachers in Belmont county. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Anderson and resides on Marietta street. She began teaching school near Flushing twelve years ago, and has been teaching in St. Clairsville four or five years. It was while teaching at the former place that she met the man who has forsaken her and married another and wealthier girl.

The Hobsons are one of the oldest and best known families in Belmont county. Two of Stephen Hobson's sons are physicians, one at Flushing, a specialist, with a wide reputation, and the other at Cleveland with a lucrative practice. The latter, Dr. Joseph F. Hobson is a man of about thirty years. He graduated from a medical college at Cleveland and has since been practicing there. He has, it seems, been waiting on the pretty school teacher for twelve years and it was the general supposition that they were to be married. He visited her last October and was married to his Cleveland girl, Miss Anna Schlather in November. Miss Anderson wore a flashing diamond, the present of the doctor, according to report and did not know that he had another girl until she heard of his marriage to Miss Schlather. This, it is understood, sent Miss Anderson to her bed and she was out of school a week or two. She brought suit the latter part of November, but the matter was kept quiet so that a summons could be served on Dr. Hobson in Belmont county. He came to Flushing last Saturday with his bride to visit his parents, and there Sheriff Watt Scott served the summons on him personally. He has until April 7 to answer.

Miss Anderson's petition reads as follows: "On or about the first day of April, 1883, in consideration of the promise of plaintiff, who then being unmarried, to marry her, the defendant promised to marry her, the said plaintiff. The plaintiff has ever since been ready and willing to marry defendant, yet defendant, contrary to his promise, afterward married a certain other person, to-wit: one Anna Schlather, to plaintiff's damage in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, for which sum she asks judgment against said defendant."

N. K. Kennon and L. Danford sign this as her attorneys. Miss Anderson, it is reported, had all of her trousseau made for the wedding. It is further stated that she has a large stock of interesting love-letters from Dr. Hobson, which will be introduced as testimony in the case. When Dr. Hobson was married to Miss Schlather the papers stated that he and his bride received a check from her father for \$10,000.

A reporter called at the home of Miss Anderson, stated his mission and was cordially received. She was asked to make a statement and declined to discuss the matter, saying that the court would make the place to do that. When asked why Dr. Hobson had prolonged the engagement from time to time and put off the wedding, as had been reported, she said that he gave as his excuse that he was young and was struggling for a start in life.

A relative of Dr. Hobson says that the doctor made a visit to St. Clairsville in the fall for the express purpose of telling her that he was going to be married and having a thorough understanding.

A gentleman, who pretends to know what he is talking about, says that Dr. Hobson knew of the suit, wished to settle it and came to Flushing last Saturday to have papers served on him, that the case might be tried in Belmont county.

The defendant has retained Hon. J. W. Nichols, Hon. J. W. Hollingsworth and Mr. John Pollock.

James Armstrong Dead. Mr. James Armstrong, of the South Side, died yesterday. Mr. Armstrong was born in Allegheny county, Pa., 69 years ago. He came to Wheeling about 1850 and resided in Centro district until the time of his death. He was a member of Company F, Third Regiment, West Virginia Cavalry. He was a kind and loving father, an esteemed citizen, and in all business transactions he was strictly upright. He leaves a family of four boys and two girls to mourn his loss. His wife died seventeen years ago.

A Quiet Wedding. Last evening at half past seven o'clock, Mr. E. B. Gary, a popular young ironworker, of the Crescent mill, was quietly married to Miss Mary Meek, at the home of the bride's mother, on North Main street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Hess, pastor of the Thomson M. E. church, and was witnessed by only the near relatives of the contracting parties. Mr. and Mrs. Gary are well known in Wheeling, and have the best wishes of their many friends for a long and happy wedded life. They were the recipients of numerous handsome presents.

"South Before the War" Tonight. At the Grand this evening Whalen & Martel's great spectacular production called "South Before the War" will commence a three night's engagement. No play of any description has created a greater sensation than "South Before the War." The company numbers fifty persons, including Charles Howard and Buck Shaffer, the greatest negro dialect comedians in America. The play is a great deal stronger and better than it was on its former production here, and a tremendous business is assured. A grand parade will be given by the company to-day through the principal streets.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

S. A. Smith, a Shirley business man, is at the Stamm.

L. J. Conaway, of Huntington, was here yesterday.

Albert Diesch, of Clarington, autographed at the Behler.

W. H. Martin, Fairmont, registered yesterday at the Stamm.

John J. Walsh, of Wellsburg, was in the city yesterday afternoon.

Miss Alice Schopper has just returned from a visit to the east.

John Hawkins, of Fairmont, was a Behler guest yesterday evening.

Prof. I. C. White, of the state university, Morgantown, is in the city.

Mr. J. B. McKee is on the road to recovery after a long spell of sickness.

Clark Hamilton is much improved from his sudden attack of severe illness.

County Treasurer Frank B. Archer, of St. Clairsville, is in the city, a guest of the Stamm.

J. B. Dorsey, of the general offices of the Ohio River railroad, Parkersburg, was here last night.

T. Hasegawa, a Japanese church decorative artist, hailing from Hirosohi, Japan, is at the Stamm.

Owen Murphy and W. V. Worthington, of Washington, Pa., were here yesterday for a few hours.

H. A. Wright, W. J. Martin and W. H. Aspin were among the Sistersvillians at the Behler yesterday.

Mrs. Irene Wilcoxon, of Homestead, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Virginia Meek, on North Main street.

Ex-Senator C. P. Dorr, of Addison, came in on the late Baltimore & Ohio train last night and registered at the McClure.

Mr. Morris Jacobs, accompanied by his sister and cousin, will leave this morning over the Panhandle for Marshall, Texas, on an extended visit.

Mrs. Zanna Frasher Gibson, accompanied by her visitor, Miss Delia Miller, of Keyser, W. Va., is visiting out at Oakland, Pittsburgh, at the residence of Prof. J. M. Frasher.

Sam Thompson, passenger agent of the Missouri Pacific, Samuel Myers, passenger agent, and J. G. Ruple, district passenger agent, of the Pennsylvania lines, are in the city.

L. M. Stephens, of New Martinsville, J. E. Hart, of Sistersville, J. B. Hamilton, of Hundred, and John Hawkins, of Fairmont, represented the New Dominion at the Behler yesterday afternoon.

NATIONAL REPUBLICANS

Still on Deck—Meeting of the Executive Committee of the League—The Coming Convention.

New York, March 15.—The executive committee of the National Republican League closed its three days' session at the Plaza hotel this afternoon. The sub-executive committee of the league was appointed to-day and is made up as follows: President, James S. Clarkson; ex-officio: Jas. A. Blanchard, of New York, chairman; A. B. Humphreys, of New York, secretary; J. M. Manley, of Maine; Isaac Trumble, of California; E. P. Allen, of Michigan; J. W. Parrell, of Indiana; John M. Thurston, of Nebraska; R. W. Austin, of Alabama; W. E. Riley, of Kentucky; W. W. Tracy, of Illinois; John B. Robinson, of Pennsylvania; J. P. Kelly, of Wisconsin; H. De B. Clay, of Virginia, and Frank J. Cannon, of Utah. A special committee was appointed to make all necessary arrangements and to have charge of the convention at Louisville.

A special committee was appointed to look after the League interests in the New England states, particularly in the matters of reorganization where demand is made.

A special committee was also appointed to make a report to the convention on League work.

President Clarkson said: "The correspondence of the League shows that the blood of the party is up and ready for fight. The prospect for a large attendance at Louisville is good, and the Louisville people are making ready to give the visiting Republicans a Kentucky welcome. Some of the most eminent national speakers in the party will attend and it is quite probable that Chairman Carter will call a meeting of the Republican national committee to meet at Louisville at the same time."

The committee adjourned subject to the call of the chair, and may be called to meet in Washington or Chicago next month.

THE FIRST MOVEMENT

Toward Placing the New England in a Receiver's Hand—Property Attached.

HARTFORD, Ct., March 15.—What is considered here to be a movement looking toward placing the New York & New England railroad in the hands of a receiver was made this afternoon. Sheriff Preston and a posse of deputies, with Sheriff Tomlinson, of New Haven, and two deputies went to East Hartford and attached the property of the company at their shops and yard. The attachment is made at the instance of Stickney, Cunningham & Co., of New York, which has a large bill for coal against the company. The attachment is for \$100,000. James H. Webb, of the law firm of Alling, Webb & Morehouse, of New Haven, was with the sheriffs.

On the arrival of the deputies at the yards Engineer Burridge was running the mogul engine No. 48 from the engine house. Sheriff Tomlinson informed him that if he did not run the engine back to the house he would put him under arrest. The engine was returned to the house.

Master Mechanic Humstone ordered all engines into the round house and telegraphed to Superintendent Hammond for instructions. Sixteen engines were put in the round house. The force of employees, 200 men, stopped work and left the yards. The officers attached all the cars belonging to the New York & New England railroad company. The officers are endeavoring to find parties to receipt to the sheriff to the amount of attachment.

The Screening Bill.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 15.—The house screening bill, framed in the interest of miners, met its death to-day in the senate. There were two reports of the committee that considered the bill. The majority committee opposed while the minority recommended its passage for the payment before it is screened. The vote stood six in favor with twenty-one against. Among those favoring was Senator Nichols, of Belmont.

Ohio Appropriation Bill.

COLUMBUS, O., March 15.—The house, after an all day fight, passed the annual appropriation bill. It amounts to two million, three hundred and seventy-one thousand, fourteen dollars and sixteen cents. The eastern asylum of Masonian

asked for one hundred thousand dollars but was cut down to twenty thousand.

A HOST OF WITNESSES.

The Trial of the Leeburg Gang Attracts Large Crowds of People.

KITANNING, Pa., March 15.—The town is full of people who have come on business connected with the trial of the Leeburg bank robbers. There is a contingent of 50 from Scottsdale, who intend to do what they can to prove an alibi for Kromer. His wife, father and brother are among the number.

Dr. Wychoff and his two associates had a long consultation last night with Attorney Wallace, of Pittsburgh, and Messrs. Heiner & Clark, their local lawyers.

The case begins at 2 o'clock, but owing to the intense feeling it is likely that most of the afternoon will be consumed in getting a jury.

An attempt will be made to get the case of Dr. Wychoff continued until the June term. The attorneys for the defense expect that the death of Judge McCandless yesterday will have some weight, as he had been retained by the doctor.

THE PANAMA TRIALS.

No Further Sensational Incidents—The Arguments of Counsel.

PARIS, March 15.—There was but a small attendance to-day at the trial of Charles de Lesseps and his fellow defendants in the Assize court. Public interest appeared to have waned with the close of the testimony in the case. Counsel resumed their addresses. M. Le Gasse contended that the government had shrunk from proceeding against all the offenders in the case and he argued vehemently that the scandal would not cease until the whole truth would be revealed. M. Rousselle spoke in a similar tone. The advocate general delivered an earnest address in behalf of the prosecution. He maintain that the government had done the best it could to bring everything to light and he denounced Charles de Lesseps as having used artifices to throw dust in the eyes of the jurors. The advocate general contended that the evidence confirmed the guilt of the defendants.

Continuing, the advocate general made a somewhat extended reference to Freycinet, Floquet and Clemenceau and their alleged connection with the scandal, defending the course they had pursued and justifying the advice they gave to Charles de Lesseps to comply with the demands made upon him rather than to become involved in a law suit with Baron de Reinach.

The advocate general ridiculed the protest made by Charles de Lesseps that he had yielded to force.

The speaker then turned his attention to Fontaine and Blondin, both of whom he denounced in strong terms. After scathingly denouncing de Lesseps as a man who had besieged with bribes and promises the consciences of public men, the advocate general closed his address with a graphic description of the poverty, misery and general ruin which the Panama directors had brought by their dishonesty to thousands of homes throughout France. The court was then adjourned.

Serious Friction Probable.

ROME, March 15.—Serious friction is threatened between the Vatican and France in regard to the appointment of a primate in Africa to succeed the late Cardinal Lavigerie. The pope demands that France shall provide the primate with a fixed allowance for his maintenance, and to this the French government objects. The pope, therefore, holds that if the primate is to look to the church for support, the church should not submit to dictation or interference as to the appointment, and the pope has intimated that he may nominate an Italian for the office. In such an event a serious conflict will surely result, as France would decidedly object to having an Italian primate over Catholics. The large majority of whom are either French or the subjects of France.

Attempted Assassination.

MADRID, March 15.—The Countess Gomar, a member of one of the old grandee families of Spain, has narrowly escaped assassination at the hands of a trusted man servant. Why the man tried to murder his mistress does not seem to be clear. All that is known is that he assaulted her with murderous intent and a maid servant ran to the assistance of the countess. The infuriated assassin wounded both the maid and her mistress, and apparently thinking that he had fatally injured them he turned his weapon, a revolver, against himself and fired with fatal result. The countess and maid may recover. The assassin is dead.

Gladstone Better.

LONDON, March 15.—Mr. Gladstone spent a good night. Sir Andrew Clarke, who visited him at 10 o'clock this morning, states he was progressing well. He remains in his bedroom, where he attends to business with the aid of his secretaries.

Bourgeois Reconcilers.

PARIS, March 15.—Yielding to urgent pressure on the part of his colleagues, M. Bourgeois will re-assume the office of minister of justice which he resigned in order to answer the charges made by Madame Cottu, and which he regarded as reflecting upon him.

Secretary Herbert in New York.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Hilary A. Herbert, the new secretary of the Brooklyn navy yard to-day. He was received by Commodore Erben, the commandant, his aides and the main guard in full dress uniform. Directly after his arrival a salute of seventeen guns was fired from the Vermont. Commodore Erben then took the secretary on a tour of inspection through the yard, and introduced him to the principal officers of the station. To-morrow evening Secretary Herbert will attend the dinner at the Hamilton Club given in honor of ex-Secretary Tracy.

Certificates Instead of Cash.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—The probabilities are that the clerks and some other employees in the bureau of engraving and printing not directly employed in the production of greenbacks and other government obligations, will have to take certificates of indebtedness instead of cash for the salaries for the balance of the current fiscal year, as the result of an error in the enrollment of the deficiency bill by which the word "thousand" was left off after an appropriation intended to be \$37,000 deficiency in pay of clerical and other help at the bureau. It is presumed that the employees will not be dropped from the rolls for the balance of this fiscal year, as they are necessary to the working of the bureau.

MOUNDSVILLE.

A Miscellaneous Melange of Minor Matters from Marshall's Metropolis.

The Moundsville Coal Company is in receipt of a letter from the Heatherington Coal Company, of Bellaire, paying a flattering tribute to John O. Brooks, of this city, for the excellent services rendered the Bellaire company in conquering the fire which had broken out in their mine. The Ohio mine inspector and many other expert mine men had failed. Mr. Brooks put it out in about two days.

Complaint comes from the southern suburbs that the carcasses of about half a dozen dead horses have been dumped on the surface of the ground near the creek, outside of the city limits, and left to befoul the air and to send death bearing germs on their mission of death and destruction. The proper authorities should look after the matter.

Manager Morrison, of the Globe mineral wool factory, was in Benwood yesterday, testing the slag at the furnaces there. He finds that it will produce an excellent quality of wool and is well satisfied with the test. The principal ingredient of mineral wool is the silica contained in limestone, and this is found in the slag in almost a pure state.

The stockholders of the Mound City Brick Works will meet to-day. As it is a very important meeting, a full attendance is expected.

John T. Gallaher is home from the east, where he was purchasing spring goods for the store of J. W. Gallaher's Sons.

Stidger & Walton will be ready to open their store in the Brooks building in a few days.

Miss Nina Odert has returned to her home in Steubenville after visiting friends here.

Miss Laura Martin, of Steubenville, was visiting friends here yesterday.

M. M. Morgan, the Pennsylvania oil man, is here.

M. A. Walton returned from Chicago yesterday.

The Brinkerhoff building is ready for the roof.

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